

Edison International (EIX)

SONGS Retirement: Floor Set; Overhangs Diminishing – Buy

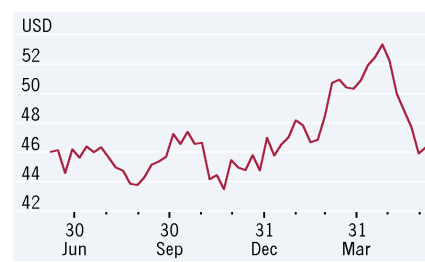
- **Clarity improving with SONGS decision; CPUC appears supportive and calling for settlement discussions – overhangs beginning to dissipate.** This morning, management announced that they would essentially mothball Units 2 and 3 of the San Onofre Generating Station which has been down since January 2012. While we are modestly surprised that Unit 2 is not returning to service (we assumed partial restart of Unit 2; mothballing of Unit 3), clearly the timing of a restart impacted the cost advantages, more than we anticipated, versus a full retirement. With ~\$1mm/day accruing to shareholders to keep the plant ready for restart coupled with replacement power build, management made the strategic decision to retire the asset. We agree.
- **CPUC issues press release immediately following the announced closure of SONGS – favorable language calling for parties to settle.** CPUC President, Michael Peevey, issued a statement through the CPUC which: (1) appears supportive of the decision and more importantly, (2) is calling for all parties to work through a quick settlement – a speedy settlement is a further positive inflection point for the story, in our view. Even if the NRC approved the amended license agreement, the process could have gone through litigation at the Commission and the Court Of Appeals well into 2014 – placing undue pressure on the shares over the next 1-2 years. A copy of the CPUC press release is located at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/puc/>.
- **We are adjusting our EPS outlook and valuation - share discount overly reflects this overhang - we reiterate Buy rating and see multiple expansion as this overhang continues to work itself through.** We are lowering our EPS estimates for 2013/2014/2015 to \$3.40/\$3.48/\$3.54 versus prior published \$3.54/\$3.66/\$3.72, respectively, as we now remove the entire SONGS asset from rate base. Our 12 month target price drops to \$58 from \$61 which mainly accounts for the nuclear mothball. Additional impact to our EPS is a modest ST debt issuance in order to maintain the 48% equity layer with the removal of the asset from rate base. Our estimates continue to assume debt/preferred recovery versus the conservative floor presented by the company.

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- Target Price Change
- Estimate Change

Buy	1
Price (07 Jun 13)	US\$46.81
Target price	US\$58.00
	from US\$61.00
Expected share price return	23.9%
Expected dividend yield	2.9%
Expected total return	26.8%
Market Cap	US\$15,251M

Price Performance (RIC: EIX.N, BB: EIX US)



EPS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY	FC Cons
2012A	0.36A	0.31A	0.71A	1.77A	3.14A	3.92A
2013E	0.77A	0.66E	1.29E	0.66E	3.40E	3.53E
Previous	0.77A	0.70E	1.36E	0.70E	3.54E	na
2014E	0.76E	0.69E	1.34E	0.69E	3.48E	3.66E
Previous	0.80E	0.73E	1.41E	0.73E	3.66E	na
2015E	na	na	na	na	3.54E	3.67E
Previous	na	na	na	na	3.72E	na

Source: Company Reports and dataCentral, Citi Research. FC Cons: First Call Consensus.

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EIX.N: Fiscal year end 31-Dec						Price: US\$46.81; TP: US\$58.00; Market Cap: US\$15,251m; Recomm: Buy					
Profit & Loss (US\$m)	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E	Valuation ratios	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E
Sales revenue	12,760	13,043	12,593	12,962	13,350	PE (x)	14.6	14.9	13.8	13.4	13.2
Cost of sales	-10,668	-11,069	-9,888	-10,158	-10,453	PB (x)	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4
Gross profit	2,092	1,974	2,705	2,804	2,898	EV/EBITDA (x)	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.8
Gross Margin (%)	16.4	15.1	21.5	21.6	21.7	FCF yield (%)	-5.9	-1.2	-4.5	-1.6	-4.0
EBITDA (Adj)	4,913	4,956	4,507	4,805	5,108	Dividend yield (%)	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.7
EBITDA Margin (Adj) (%)	38.5	38.0	35.8	37.1	38.3	Payout ratio (%)	40	41	40	45	50
Depreciation	-1,737	-1,763	-2,104	-2,309	-2,524	ROE (%)	-0.4	-1.9	11.5	11.0	10.6
Amortisation	0	0	0	0	0	Cashflow (US\$m)	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E
EBIT (Adj)	3,176	3,193	2,404	2,497	2,585	EBITDA	3,829	3,737	4,507	4,805	5,108
EBIT Margin (Adj) (%)	24.9	24.5	19.1	19.3	19.4	Working capital	-199	344	0	0	0
Net interest	-771	-752	-537	-584	-644	Other	276	-110	-1,002	-1,056	-1,126
Associates	86	43	0	0	0	Operating cashflow	3,906	3,971	3,505	3,750	3,983
Non-op/Except	-1,671	89	20	24	24	Capex	-4,808	-4,149	-4,200	-4,000	-4,600
Pre-tax profit	-264	1,354	1,887	1,937	1,965	Net acq/disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Tax	288	-28	-673	-696	-706	Other	-125	-97	0	0	0
Extraord./Min.Int./Pref.div.	-61	-1,508	-96	-96	-96	Investing cashflow	-4,933	-4,246	-4,200	-4,000	-4,600
Reported net profit	-37	-182	1,118	1,145	1,163	Dividends paid	-417	-424	-444	-510	-576
Net Margin (%)	-0.3	-1.4	8.9	8.8	8.7	Financing cashflow	1,107	650	656	390	624
Core NPAT	1,047	1,037	1,118	1,145	1,163	Net change in cash	80	375	-39	140	7
Per share data	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E	Free cashflow to s/holders	-902	-178	-695	-250	-617
Reported EPS (\$)	-0.11	-0.55	3.40	3.48	3.54						
Core EPS (\$)	3.21	3.14	3.40	3.48	3.54						
DPS (\$)	1.28	1.30	1.35	1.55	1.75						
CFPS (\$)	11.98	12.02	10.65	11.40	12.11						
FCFPS (\$)	-2.77	-0.54	-2.11	-0.76	-1.88						
BVPS (\$)	30.84	28.67	30.68	32.61	34.39						
Wtd avg ord shares (m)	326	330	329	329	329						
Wtd avg diluted shares (m)	326	330	329	329	329						
Growth rates	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E						
Sales revenue (%)	1.9	2.2	-3.5	2.9	3.0						
EBIT (Adj) (%)	27.6	0.5	-24.7	3.9	3.5						
Core NPAT (%)	-10.9	-1.0	7.8	2.4	1.6						
Core EPS (%)	-9.5	-2.2	8.3	2.4	1.6						
Balance Sheet (US\$m)	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E						
Cash & cash equiv.	1,469	170	131	271	278						
Accounts receivables	908	762	762	762	762						
Inventory	624	340	340	340	340						
Net fixed & other tangibles	32,116	30,273	32,369	34,061	36,137						
Goodwill & intangibles	7,111	7,215	7,215	7,215	7,215						
Financial & other assets	5,811	5,634	5,338	5,042	4,746						
Total assets	48,039	44,394	46,155	47,690	49,478						
Accounts payable	1,419	1,423	1,423	1,423	1,423						
Short-term debt	486	175	175	175	175						
Long-term debt	13,689	9,231	10,331	11,231	12,431						
Provisions & other liab	21,359	22,374	22,374	22,374	22,374						
Total liabilities	36,953	33,203	34,303	35,203	36,403						
Shareholders' equity	11,084	11,191	11,852	12,487	13,075						
Minority interests	2	0	0	0	0						
Total equity	11,086	11,191	11,852	12,487	13,075						
Net debt	12,706	9,236	10,375	11,135	12,328						
Net debt to equity (%)	114.6	82.5	87.5	89.2	94.3						

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Annualizing for the impact of SONGS assuming no offsets or further recovery?

Annualizing for the full year impact of SONGS and assuming no offsets (i.e. O&M) or recoveries, EPS reduction equates to ~\$0.31/year – this is a highly unlikely scenario. This comprises of: (1) \$0.26/share from the removal of the asset in rate base and no recovery for equity returns or debt/preferred funding costs and, (2) ~\$0.05/share for the removal of AFUDC earnings on CWIP. For 2013 only, annualized transition costs (not expected to repeat in future years) equates to an additional ~\$0.03/share. But going forward, assuming no O&M offsets and recovery for the asset, a highly unlikely scenario, EPS reduction could translate into ~\$0.31/share – see next two paragraphs.

2013 mid point guidance lowered for the prorated amounts mentioned above.

Management lowered 2013 EPS guidance range midpoint to \$3.35 from \$3.50 – the \$0.15/share reduction accounts for the 3 items mentioned above, prorated for the remaining 7 months of 2013 with the first 5 months being reflected in financials.

2014 EPS impact (assuming no recovery of the equity returns in rate base and debt/preferred funding costs) should be lower than the \$0.31/share mentioned above.

Again, under the assumption that EIX does not get recovery for the equity returns or the debt/preferred funding costs, management could still negate the debt/preferred under-recovery (~\$0.13/share) with O&M offsets. This leaves a \$0.18/share reduction which is what we account for in 2014 with our newly reduced \$3.48/share EPS estimate.

While the OII procedural schedule remains uncertain, Commissioner Peevey is calling for a speedy settlement – any settlement should be upside to the floor presented by EIX. CPUC President, Michael Peevey, issued a statement through the CPUC which: (1) appears supportive of the decision and more importantly, (2) is calling for all parties to work through a quick settlement – a speedy settlement is a further positive inflection point for the story, in our view. Even if the NRC approved the amended license agreement, the process could have gone through litigation at the Commission and the court of appeals well into 2014 – placing undue pressure on the shares over the next 1-2 years. A copy of the CPUC press release is located at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/puc/>. Key point, management essentially created a floor or a worse case scenario by assuming no recovery of debt/preferred funding costs as well a return on the equity so a settlement could provide upside to the floor presented by management. Under all scenarios, including ours, purchase power costs are assumed to be recovered which is a fair assumption under the *standard of prudence* and the *absence of negligence* – which we have highlighted in the past.

We assume no issuance of equity or change in dividend plans as a result of the news. This was reinforced by management on the call – a material positive in our view. We continue to forecast flat share count of 329mm with a dividend payout ratio of 39% for 2013/ 43% for 2014/ 48% for 2015 – based on our revised EPS outlook. We do issue a modest level of short term debt in 2014 to bring back the equity layer to 48%.

Management taking a pre-tax charge impairment charge of \$450-\$650mm.

This amount could be revised up or down as new data is released in the proceedings. The charge is more of a function of GAAP accounting which tries to (using historical precedence from SONGS Unit 1, Navajo etc...) capture the likely probability that costs may not be recovered under a conservative scenario – which in this instance includes the lack of recovery of equity returns, debt/preferred funding costs and other various items including partial disallowed recovery of replacement parts for the worn-out tubes etc...

Rate base growth and focus on higher quality transmission assets remains a key strategic focus for management – 3Q Notice Of Intent (NOI) filing will provide some visibility. Management reiterated they still expect 7-8% rate base growth despite the removal of SONGS from rates and the lower annual CAPEX of \$100mm attributed to the asset. The 2015 general rate case (we expect a notice of intent filing in Q3 2013), will provide much needed color on utility spending for the 2015-17 timeframe which will be adjusted for the decommissioning of SONGS. In this filing, we expect most of the reliability needs to be met with new and upgraded transmission and distribution spending with some IPP repowering opportunities which will not benefit EIX given the pass-through nature of purchase power costs.

Edison International

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Investment strategy

We rate EIX shares Buy (1). California electric utilities have historically traded at a premium to other regulated utilities given the State's constructive regulatory environment and above average allowed ROEs. On top of that, SCE received a final order on their general rate case in November 2012, setting rates through the end 2014 which removes some regulatory risk in the near term. Concerns over the merchant business have subsided given the agreement reached with the bondholders and the Chapter 11 filing. Shares appear to be overly discounting the above mentioned items.

Valuation

Our target price is \$58. We value EIX shares using a PE multiple approach. Our 15.0x average target PE multiple we assign to regulated electric utilities is based on our BBB bond yield regression model. For EIX and other CA electric utilities, we assign a premium (1.5x) on the electric group average of 15.0x PE multiple to our consolidated 2015 EPS estimate of \$3.54, which includes \$(0.12) of parent drag. We continue to assign no equity value, positive or negative to EME which recently filed for bankruptcy. Our premium valuation for CA electric utilities attempts to capture the states above average regulatory environment.

Risks

Regulatory risk – Although SCE just recently received a final order on their general rate case and cost of capital proceeding, they will have to file again in late 2013 / early 2014 for the next GRC, which will set rates in 2015-17. If the GRC proceeding results in higher rate base than we assume, earnings could be higher than our current forecast and shares could outperform and exceed our target price.

SONGS – The SONGS nuclear plant has been offline since early 2012 due to degradation of the steam tubes. The NRC is currently reviewing EIX's plan to restart unit 2, and there is no plan to restart unit 3 at this time. In addition, the CPUC recently launched an order instituting investigation (OII) on the SONGS plant to determine the cause of the degradation and ultimate recovery of the asset. If the NRC does not allow the plant to be restarted, and the CPUC does not allow regulatory recovery of the asset, earnings could be materially reduced and the shares could underperform. The costs incurred to inspect and repair the plant have also been substantial so far, and to the extent they are not recovered, shares could underperform.

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	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
1	13-Dec-10	2M	*\$38.00	38.36
2	10-Jan-11	*3M	*\$35.00	38.13
3	15-Feb-11	*2M	*\$36.00	37.05
4	26-May-11	2M	*\$40.00	39.37

* Indicates change

	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
5	6-Oct-11	*1M	*\$45.00	37.46
6	8-Oct-11	Stock rating system changed		
7	8-Oct-11	*1	45.00	37.74
8	5-Jan-12	1	*\$47.00	40.53

	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
9	4-Apr-12	1	*\$48.00	42.82
10	18-Oct-12	*2	*\$52.00	47.96
11	8-Jan-13	2	*\$49.00	46.08
12	10-May-13	*1	*\$61.00	50.01

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Edison International (EIX)

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	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
1	20-Jan-11	*ADD LP	-	37.70
2	19-Apr-11	*REM LP	-	38.18

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	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
3	21-Oct-11	*ADD MP	-	39.56
4	18-Jan-12	*REM MP	-	40.44

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